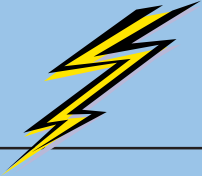


South Beach News

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City of Miami Beach

Neighborhood Services Department



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Middle Beach residents who would like to report power outages or streetlights out can use the City's CiviCall system at 305-604-CITY (2489) or call Florida Power & Light at 305-442-8770.

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Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Quality of Life Issues

Approximately 50 residents attended the South Beach District Neighborhood meeting on June 26th 2001. This newsletter highlights concerns raised at the meeting and provides important information regarding the City's programs and the community's responsibilities regarding those concerns. The following four items were identified as

neighborhood priorities:

1. Work with the Police Department's HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) and the City's Homeless Coordinator to identify areas of concentration and individuals in need of homeless outreach through the Homeless Trust's "Continuum of Care" model.
2. Educate the community of new Police programs to

eliminate prostitution and other criminal activity. Update the community on enhanced policing and the role of the Neighborhood Resource Officer. Work with the Police department to increase enforcement of dog leash and pooper scooper laws.

3. Provide better education on sanitation pick-up schedules, recycling programs and

the proper placement of waste. Increase number of on street trash receptacles.

4. Develop "Pride in the City" Program with support of the Mayor, David Dermer. Provide information on animal curbing. Provide information of the pooper-scooper ordinance and the locations of the bag dispenser boxes.

THE HOMELESS – UPDATE

Residents are concerned about the homeless living on the streets of Miami Beach. The City has assigned high priority to identifying and reducing homelessness. Homelessness is a complicated "condition" and one that is usually a result of mental health, substance abuse and other disabilities. Miami Beach does not have a shelter. It is necessary for us to make referrals to the network of agencies both here and in Miami Dade County with the resources to help.

As part of the City's ongoing effort, Ms. Olga Vasquez was hired in October, 2001 by the Neighborhood Services Department as the City's Homeless Coordinator. The City Homeless team moves people off the streets and into appropriate care as soon as they have been identified and agree to accept help. Maintaining and developing relationships with social service agencies is crucial to the success of the team.

The Homeless Outreach team at the City of Miami Beach reported that in the month of June over 100 individuals were assisted with services, including: relocation; substance abuse treatment placement; shelter placement; job placement; referrals to the Immigrant Advocacy Center; medical service referrals; and mental health referrals.

Ms. Zhayda Garzon is the new Neighborhood Services Department outreach worker who works closely with the Miami Beach Police Department in order to fully implement and utilize the county-wide "Continuum of

Care" system. Developed by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, the *Continuum of Care* system is a model based on the understanding that homelessness is not caused merely by a lack of shelter, but involves a variety of underlying, unmet needs – physical, economic and social. The *Continuum of Care* system is a three phase comprehensive strategy for the delivery and coordination of homeless housing and services.

The statistics show that since the development of the Homeless Outreach Team in October, 554 homeless and near homeless people have been assisted at the City of Miami Beach. Of these, 200 were white non-hispanic, 1888 black non-hispanic and 165 hispanic. 460 of these individuals were males and 94 were females. 131 individuals were placed in shelter at the Salvation Army or placed directly into a substance treatment facility.

The City of Miami beach is striving to address the needs of it's homeless population, e appreciated the patience, understanding and support of residents in this process. For more information about the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, please call (305) 375-1490 or visit, www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/homeless/ For more information about the *Continuum of Care* system please contact Olga Vazquez at (305) 673-7000 ext. 3404. To directly report a NON-EMERGENCY homeless incident or encampment, please contact the Miami Beach Police Department at 305-673-7900. To report a life threatening or EMERGENCY homeless situation or incident, please call 911.



Important Phone Numbers

CiviCall
(For Information & Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission
305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager
305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)
305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Neighborhood Services
305-673-7077

Community Resource & Outreach
305-673-7580

Parks & Recreation
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

Bulky Waste Pick-Up Appointment
305-633-2700

24-Hour Services

Water & Sewer Streets Sidewalks Streetlights Stormwater
305-673-7625

Traffic Signals
305-592-3580

FPL (power outages & street lights on wooden poles)
305-442-8770

Cats and Dogs

The City of Miami Beach has population of 87,933 people, and an unknown population of cats and dogs. In an effort to keep the City's public right of ways clean, Ordinance 10-13, also referred to as the Pooper Scooper Ordinance was enacted. Ordinance 10-13 states that any person owning, possessing, having the care, charge, control or custody of any animal shall immediately remove and therefore dispose of any fecal matter deposited by the animal on public or private property (other than the property of the owner).

To better accommodate pet owners in these efforts, the City of Miami Beach Parks Department has installed box dispensers with scooper plastic bags throughout the City. There are currently 5 boxes located in Flamingo Park, 5 boxes in Lummus Park and 10 boxes on Lincoln Road. The dispensers are easily identifiable with signage that states, "Dog owners are requested to clean up after their dogs. Use scoop provided, deposit waste in garbage container. Thank you." They are installed in convenient locations adjacent to park entrances, walkways and near trash receptacles. Please remember that the bags are a convenience to the City's dog owning residents and should be used as needed, leaving bags to be used by others. While the dog population is often monitored by it's owners, the cat population requires a community effort. If you are interested in controlling the cat population in South Beach, please contact the following two volunteer organizations:

Sobe Spay & Neuter, 305-864-8649 – sterilizes cats on Miami Beach for a nominal charge

The Cat Network, 305-255-3482, controls stray and feral cat populations in South Florida by spaying and neutering cats for a nominal charge. Finds suitable homes for adoptable stray and feral cats and kittens. To report animal cruelty or the pick-up of a dead animal, please contact the **Animal Service Unit of the Miami-Dade Police Department at 305-884-1101**.



Beach Hours & Rules

In accordance with City Ordinance Chapter 82, Section 82-2, which reads in part that no person shall be or remain in any part of any public park, beach, or golf course that is fenced in or provided with gates between the closing of the gates at night and their reopening on the following day; nor shall any person be or remain in any public park, beach or golf course not fenced in or provided with gates, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. on the following day.

Resident's Guide to Local Services – Pick up your new resource guide!

The new residents' guide contains information and referrals on the City of Miami Beach – everything from the history of our wonderful city to obtaining a bus pass! The guide will tell you how to get your trash picked up and where to find the most interesting Art on the beach. Call the Community Resource & Outreach Team at 305-673-7580 to receive a guide.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Phase I construction of the South Pointe Streetscape Project, which covers most of the area south of Fifth Street, is moving forward with completion currently scheduled for October. Beautiful royal palms and oak trees have been recently installed on Washington Avenue. Community meetings will be held in the Fall of 2002.

The City Commission is scheduled to approve the concept plan for the Flamingo Lummus Neighborhood Right-of-Way Improvement Project at their July 10th meeting. This plan calls for dramatic infrastructure and landscape improvements throughout this neighborhood which is bounded by Lincoln Road on the north, Ocean Drive on the east, Fifth Street on the south, and Alton Road on the west. One of the many improvements included in the project is the complete renovation of the blocks of Meridian, Euclid, Jefferson, Michigan, and Lenox between 5th and 6th streets with new sidewalks, street lights, and shade trees. More information on this and all of the South Beach streetscape projects is available on the website www.cmbprojects.com.